

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are respectfully requested.

Pending claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-19 stand rejected under judicially created obviousness type double patenting based on claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,246,453. However, this contention is respectfully traversed, and for reasons set forth herein, it is respectfully suggested that the pending claims are patentably distinguished over claims 1-15 of '453 patent.

It is important to note that the pending claims define methods of driving reflective type liquid type crystal devices. This is different than claims 1-15 of '453, which define the devices themselves. The method of driving the device may be very different than the device itself.

In addition, the claims of '453 do not define "a reflecting layer" , "a parallel electric field" and/or "a hybrid alignment nematic mode". These are in fact defined in the rejected claims 1, 7, 13, and 19. An analogous argument applies to claims 3-6, 9-12, and 15-18. Therefore, for each of these reasons, it is respectfully suggested that the rejection based on double patenting is in error.

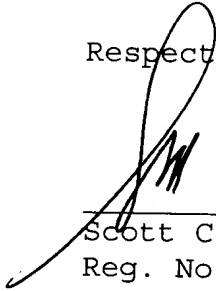
Pending claims 21-24 were not rejected over any of the art in the case. Therefore, presumably these claims should be allowable.

This should obviate all remaining rejections in the case, and a notice of allowance is hence respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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